

State of Connecticut Board for Crane Operators  
Minutes of the April 1, 2015, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John; Nate Brown; Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; Rick Barrett, Local 478; Rob Hackling;  
Chris Syrek, CT ABC; Linda Spring, DCS

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2015, meeting – approved and seconded.
3. Old Business:
  - A. Agreements – None
  - B. & C. Continuation of discussion of Crane Bill No. 323, now Public Act No. 12-99 took place. At least one or two retesting sessions have been taking place monthly.
  - D. Crane regulations – a discussion took place with respect to updating our regulations and/or adapting/developing new regulations.

In addition, a discussion took place on possibly limiting the hours of operation of a tower crane operator to a 12-hour shift preceded by 10 hours off. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

4. New Business:

A & B. No apprentice Crane Operator applicants or crane applications were reviewed by the Crane Board for compliance to the state regulations at this meeting.

C. No letters were submitted with respect to renewal of hoisting licenses. Hoisting Operator Robert Hackling appeared before the Board to have his license reinstated. It was expired beyond the 60 days allowed by the state hoisting regulations. The Board decided to allow him to renew and reinstate his hoisting license.

D. The Crane Board reviewed a report submitted from Old Colony Construction, LLC of Westbrook, Connecticut, of an incident which occurred on 6/19/2014. On this date, Old Colony Construction states they were moving their crane and came in contact with the overhead utility lines (whip line hooked the overhead electrical line). The crane incident was never reported to the Office of State Fire Marshal. The DOT inspector overseeing the project reported the incident. The information submitted on the report was not sufficient. The Crane Board tabled the incident until further information is provided. The State Crane Inspector will contact Old Colony Construction, LLC for more information.

E. An unidentified citizen reported that Middlesex Corp. was hoisting personnel with a manbasket utilizing their crane on a project by I-95 in the greater New Haven/West Haven area in high winds. The individual was going to provide a video of the incident. This incident was tabled until the video was submitted to the Office of State Fire Marshal along with other information.

5. Comments from the public: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.